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Ms. Angela Reynolds
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Dear Ms. Reynolds,

RE: Long Beach Airport EIR - Comment

Long Beach Heritage is a non-profit education and advocacy group promoting public knowledge and preservation of significant historic and architectural resources, neighborhoods and the cultural heritage of Long Beach.

The following comment regarding any physical changes to the historic Long Beach Airport was made on behalf of Long Beach Heritage by long-time member, Laurel Howat.

"In 2004 I completed a Master's Thesis entitled "The Architecture and Art of the Long Beach Administration Building." For this reason, I have been asked by Long Beach Heritage to submit a brief comment on the Administration Building in regards to information that I included in my thesis about plans for airport expansion.

"I found one reference indicating that the subtle arc shape of the Administration Building, a "segment of a wagon wheel," would lend itself well to expansion from either end. That information is in, "Air Terminal for Small West Coast Field Follows Best Prewar Pattern, Allows for Expansion," Architectural Forum 85 (October 1946): 94. Theoretically the ends of the terminal, or Administration Building, if continued in the arc shape, would terminate at Lakewood Boulevard, the intersecting thoroughfare to the airport's east. However, Lakewood Boulevard has been relocated since the conception of this plan.

"Also, the Long Beach Airport has a photograph of a 1967 drawing for a completely new terminal building, or at least a completely transformed building. This 1967 plan bears no resemblance to Austin and Wing's rather standard, horizontal terminal building, which in fact, was not an uncommon prewar airport terminal design. The terminal buildings at Houston and Newark Airports are similar in shape."

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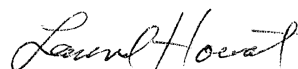
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Long Beach Heritage requests that we be included in significant design discussions regarding any changes or expansion to the Administration Building or ancillary buildings which would affect the integrity of the historic structure.

Respectfully submitted,


Stanley Poe
President


Laurel D. Howat
For Long Beach Heritage